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SUBJECT: FOUNDER OF EGYPT'S FIRST INDEPENDENT UNION ON
LABOR ACTIVISM

REF: A. CAIRO 1578 B. CAIRO 684 Classified By: Economic-Political Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for reason 1.4(d)
¶1. Key Points: -- (C) On September 30, Makram Labib, who with Kamal Abu Eita established the Real Estate Tax Collectors Union (RETU), Egypt's
¶2. (C) Comment: Labib's assessment that Egypt's current wave of labor unrest is primarily an economic and social, not political, phenomena is
¶4. (C) Labib said he agreed with RETU's April 2009 decision to apply to Egypt's Ministry of Manpower and Migration (MOMM), the GoE ministry re
¶5. (C) Labib views Egypt's labor movement as almost exclusively focused on economic issues. He does not see RETU CAIRO 00001892 002 OF 002 as